

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Erik Leonard Hoffman)	Examiner: David C. Comstock
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Serial No.: 10/037,318)	Art Unit: 3733
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Title: FASTENING ELEMENT FOR AN)	
IMPLANT, IN PARTICULAR A HIP)	
PROSTHESIS)	

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This is in response to the Final Office Action dated November 15, 2005. Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.